

- Empirical Study on Jarawas has been undertaken by the A&N Administration by 7) engaging the Tribal Welfare Officers and Janjati Sevaks of AAJVS under the supervision and guidance of Anthropology Experts on the following topics (i) Social Impact Assessment, (ii) Study of Movement Patterns and Calenderics, (iii) Identifying Jarawa Hot Spots & (iv) Study of Jarawa Nutrition. Further, a Study has been carried out with thrust on ethnographic propects and anthropological and understandings of the concerns relating to livelihood security of Jarawas, their social organization, forms of education & learning, health & nutrition and well being. The research team submitted its findings titled "Jarawa movements in relation to Time and Space" to the Administration during 2013. The study report has concluded that there are adequate resources available in the Jarawa Tribal Reserve to sustain the Tribe. It further suggested setting up of "Hot spots" in the Jarawa Tribal Reserve to ascertain the freewill of the Tribe. It is the place where the Jarawa elder and the younger generation can interact and share their concern with the field workers of AAJVS. Following places, viz., Bada Balu, Jhaokona, Tirur and Potatang in South Andaman and Phooltala, Lewis Inlet, Lakra Lungta and Bluff Island in Middle & North Andaman have been identified as "Hot Spots". Out of eight Hot Spots, five, namely -Jhao Kona, Tirur, Potatang in South Andaman and Phooltala, Lakra Lungta in Middle & North Andaman have started functioning.
- The A&N Administration has set up the A&N Tribal Research & Training Institute, which became functional on 02.10.2013. The objectives of the ANTRI is to provide inputs to direct a research-led welfare policy, work in partnership with indigenous communities, act as clearing house for research proposals; collect, conserve, preserve documents, analyse & make the accessible to the tribals, set up a tribal museum and impart training. Following the establishment of ANTRI, a Research Advisory Board has been constituted with the following compositions: (i) Secretary (Tribal Welfare) as Convener, (ii) Dr Kanchan Mukhopadhyay, Director AnSI (iii) Prof Visvajit Pandya, Anthropologist (iv) Prof T Subramanyam Naidu, Pondicherry University (v) Shri SN Awaradi and (vi) Shri Manish Chandi, ANET as members. The Board shall advise the Administration regarding the functioning of the ANTRI, coordinate, oversee the research activities of ANTRI, provide strategic inputs and also consider and recommend the research proposals received by ANTRI pertaining to the indigenous tribal communities and tribal areas.